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Re: GTE-Bell Atlantic Merger
CC Docket No. 98-184

Dear Ms. Salas:

Please place the attached letter to Katherine Brown in the public record for the above-referenced proceeding.

For your convenience, an original and twelve copies of this letter are enclosed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at (703) 974-7699.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer L. Hoh".
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Re: GTE - Bell Atlantic Merger, CC Docket No. 98-184

Dear Ms. Brown:

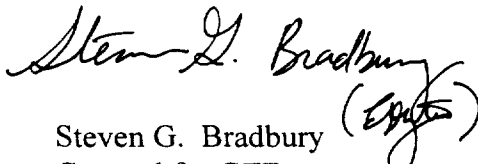
We're writing this letter to give you a further explanation of our April 8, 1999 letter concerning our February 24 request for limited interLATA relief for the existing businesses of GTE Internetworking (formerly BBN).

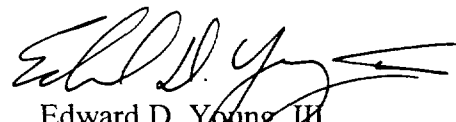
As you are probably aware, yesterday Bell Atlantic filed with the New York Public Service Commission an update on its compliance with the section 271 checklist. Given the imminent filing for long distance relief in New York and the progress we are making in the states to expedite our long distance filings, the nature and scope of the relief we requested on Feb. 24 will change. Accordingly, we withdraw our February 24 request for interim relief.

Following the filing of our New York 271 application with you, we will make a further submission that addresses the long distance issues and supports our underlying merger application. We request that you await that submission before you act on our merger application.

We appreciate the fact that the FCC has moved promptly and diligently in its merger review, and we certainly do not want the FCC to waste valuable time and resources on a proposal that has been overtaken by events.

Yours truly,

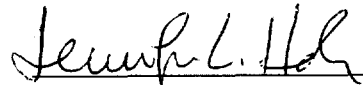

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I hereby certify that on this 14th day of April, 1999, copies of the foregoing letter to Katherine Brown were sent by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the parties on the attached list.


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